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Border Patrol Agents seize 460 pounds of marijuana

Two separate seizures result in arrests and drugs

YUMA, Ariz. – In two separate incidents, Border Patrol Agents from the Yuma Sector seized 460 pounds of marijuana and arrested two individuals.

Yesterday, at approximately 2:30 p.m., agents assigned to the Highway 95 checkpoint encountered two individuals in a pick-up truck. The vehicle was referred to the secondary inspection area. In the secondary inspection area, a Border Patrol canine alerted to the truck. A search of the vehicle revealed 37 individually wrapped bundles of marijuana weighing 110 pounds. The marijuana was discovered in a false compartment in the bed of the truck and in a side door panel. The driver and passenger were taken into custody.

Approximately one-and-a-half hour later, agents discovered 350 pounds of marijuana on the bank of the Colorado River near County 8th Street. While patrolling the area, an agent observed an individual paddling a large rubber raft back towards Mexico. Suspicious of this individual, the agent searched the riverbank where he believed the raft had been. After a short search of the brush along the river, the marijuana was discovered. The marijuana had been transported in four large bags, weighing 350 pounds.

The narcotics and the two suspects were remanded to the custody of the Drug Enforcement Administration. So far this month, agents from the Yuma Sector have seized more than 2, 300 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than 1.8 million dollars.

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